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Town Officers.

ELECTED BIENNIALY.

Moderator,
FRANK H. PEARSON.

Representative to General Court,
JOHN F. EMERY.

Supervisors of the Check List,
GILBERT A. THOMPSON, FRANK H. BARKER,
JOHN E. CHASE.

ELECTED ANNUALLY.

Town Clerk,
* FREDERICK J. FRANKLYN, † IVORY J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Selectmen,
JOHN F. EMERY, GEORGE F. BOWLEY,
W. LESLIE DINING.

Town Treasurer,
ISAAC S. WIGGIN.

Collector of Taxes,
JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE.

Auditors,
‡ GEORGE W. CHASE, FRANK H. PEARSON,
GEORGE W. DIXON.

ONE ELECTED EACH YEAR FOR THREE YEARS.

Board of Education,
FRANK H. PEARSON, WILLIAM L. MORSE,
BERNARD COPPING.

Library Trustees,
RICHARD M. SCAMMON, || MRS. GRACE PEARSON,
ANNIE W. SCAMMON.

APPOINTED.

Police Officers,
HARRY J. SYPHERS, ALBERT E. WEST.

Board of Health,
FRED N. EDMUNDS, JOHN W. MARSH,
CHARLES GRANT, JR.

* Resigned.

† Appointed by Supervisors.

‡ Appointed by Selectmen.

|| Retire this year.

Town Warrant.

[L. s.] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Stratham, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to convey to the County of Rockingham, by proper deed, its interest in the Stratham and Newmarket bridge and to authorize an issue of town notes to take the place of the notes now outstanding on account of the debt on said bridge, as evidenced now by the notes of said town signed by the Selectmen as Proprietors, said notes now amounting to about \$3,725.
4. To see if the Town will vote to sell its interest in the Bell, and to authorize the expenditure of the proceeds in Stratham Hill Park.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of the Brown Tail Moth.
6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Week.

Given under our hands and seal this 23d day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seven.

JOHN F. EMERY,	} Selectmen	
GEO. H. BOWLEY,		of
W. LESLIE DINING,		Stratham.

Selectmen's Report.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Bonds,	\$24 00
County tax,	1,458 25
Contingent fund,	1,000 00
Highway tax, by law,	1,174 93
Library tax,	55 80
Horse sheds,	150 00
State tax,	930 00
Schools by law,	1,395 00
" Supervisory district,	150 00
" Extra,	150 00
Old Home Day,	50 00
Overlay,	96 88
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	\$6,634 86

VALUATION.

Polls, 158,	\$15,800 00
Land, buildings and lumber,	339,393 50
Horses, 228,	11,875 00
Oxen, 8,	290 00
Cows, 585,	15,337 00
Other neat stock, 81,	1,350 00
Sheep, 92,	276 00
Ass, 1,	10 00
Carriages, 17,	700 00
Stock in corporations outside of state,	1,000 00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	2,200 00
Stock in trade,	1,487 50
Mills and machinery,	2,150 00
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	\$391,869 00

Town rate of taxation on one hundred dollars, \$1.70

District " " " " " .43

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

George W. Dixon, note at 4 per cent.,	\$500 00
Charles E. Pickering, " " "	750 00
Exeter Banking Co., note at 5 per cent.,	300 00
Outstanding bills, approximately,	200 00
Trust funds,	150 00
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	\$1,900 00

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Note of Stratham and Newmarket bridge, held by the town—Downes fund,	\$50 00
Note of Stratham and Newmarket bridge, held by the town—Wiggin fund,	100 00
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	\$150 00
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	\$1,750 00

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes,	\$136 02
Balance on hand,	405 68
Overdraft, scholars' tuition,	55 00
Insurance pro rata,	52 50
Highway supplies,	10 00
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	\$659 20

Total indebtedness approximately, Feb. 15, 1907, \$1,090 80
 An increase of approximately \$269.79 for the year.

JOHN F. EMERY,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
GEORGE H. BOWLEY,	
W. LESLIE DINING,	

THOMPSON, BARKER, CHASE, vs. TOWN OF STRATHAM.

The above is the title of suit for payment of \$18.00 each for services as Supervisors of the Check List for two years. Two years ago the Selectmen allowed a similar claim, not however by a unan-

imous vote, and under protest. This year Mr. Chase and Mr. Barker came before the Selectmen and presented bills for \$18.00 each for their services for two years (Mr. Thompson has failed to present his bill, yet sues with Mr. Chase and Mr. Barker), which the Selectmen considered much in excess of work performed.

The laws provide that the Supervisors shall meet three times to correct the check list for each annual or bi-ennial town meeting, also that they shall be in attendance at these town meetings. The Supervisors advertise to be in session from 8 to 9 o'clock on the evenings of these meetings, but claim an actual average of two hours for each meeting. Taking their own statement, then, of two hours for each meeting, and there being three town meetings in two years (or three meetings each of the Supervisors), would give an outlay of 18 hours on the check list.

The average annual town meeting occupies about two hours, from 11 to 1, two of these would make four hours.

The biennial election of the average length only takes some five hours to do the voting and counting. Thus one can readily see that for 28 hours' work the supervisors demand each \$18.00, or 64 2-7 cents per hour.

The Selectmen offered a compromise with Messrs. Chase and Barker by agreeing to pay them \$12.00 for the two years, each.

On the following rate, \$1.00 for each of the nine Supervisors' meetings and \$1.00 for each town meeting, making the above total of \$12.00 each for the two years.

This we believed to be a fair compensation for both town and Supervisors, as towns of like population pay but \$10.00, and some less. While we do not believe in involving our town in law suits, yet when the principle of right is at stake we do not hesitate to stand for the right even if we are made defendants in a suit at law. The question then to be decided: Can any Board of Supervisors render to our town the equivalent of a payment of nearly 65 cents per hour? We believe not and have the courage of our convictions. Our offer of \$12.00 for each gives them about 43 cents per hour, which may be then in excess of labor performed.

JOHN F. EMERY,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
GEO. H. BOWLEY,	
W. LESLIE DINING,	

Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF ISAAC S. WIGGIN, TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1906,	\$214 18
Received of A. W. Richards, Treasurer, interest	
on Wiggin and Downes fund,	5 00
Exeter Banking Co., on note,	500 00
" " " "	300 00
F. J. Franklyn, dog licenses,	18 00
G. Ralph Loughton, Stratham Hill Park,	100 00
George Dewhirst, " "	2 00
George B. Wiggin, Janitor Town Hall,	7 54
Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, railroad	
tax,	183 55
Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, savings	
bank tax,	825 43
Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, Liter-	
ary fund,	84 79
Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, pro-	
portion of School fund,	150 00
A. W. Dean, State Highway Agent,	344 45
A. C. Lane, shingles for post office,	11 34
I. J. Chamberlain, Town Clerk, dog	
licenses,	57 00
Winfield S. Kelley, cemetery lot,	15 00
Mrs. Josephine Jewell, " "	15 00
Albert E. West, Janitor of Town Hall,	16 17
" " Jr. O. U. A. M.,	3 15
John K. Bates, County Treasurer,	335 83
James E. Stockbridge, Tax Collector,	6,514 58
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Total receipts,	\$9,703 01

TREASURER WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

ABATEMENT.

Harry Hooper, on horse,	\$0 39
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BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

A. B. Cushman,	\$18 90
Irving L. Godfrey,	7 80
Edward G. Wentworth,	8 90
Harry Cushman,	8 90
A. B. Cushman,	9 40
Irving L. Godfrey,	5 65
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	\$59 55

BONDS.

James E. Stockbridge, Collector's bond,	\$12 00
Dana W. Baker, Treasurer's bond,	12 00
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	\$24 00
Appropriation,	\$24 00

COUNTY CHARGES.

Support of Mrs. G. F. Wentworth,	\$168 33
Received from County of Rockingham on account Mrs. Wentworth,	168 33

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Albert Gove, state aid,	\$96 00
“ “ medical attendance,	5 25
Henry Lane, state aid, 53 weeks,	66 25
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	\$167 50
Received from County of Rockingham on account of Albert Gove and Henry Lane,	\$167 50

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Nov. 6, 1906.

James C. Piper, Moderator,	\$3 00
John F. Emery, Selectman,	3 00
George H. Bowley, “	3 00
W. Leslie Dining, “	3 00
I. J. Chamberlain, Town Clerk,	3 00
George W. Chase, Ballot Clerk,	3 00
Fred N. Edmunds, “	3 00
George L. Barker, “	3 00
Albert C. Lane, “	3 00
Harry J. Syphers, police service at rail,	3 00
Ivory J. Chamberlain, to Concord with ballots for a recount, on order of Gilbert A. Thompson,	6 00
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	\$36 00

GREENWOOD CEMETERY.

Arthur H. Craig, labor,	\$6 00
“ “ “	39 40
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	\$45 40

HIGHWAYS—SUMMER ROADS.

Albert A. Haven, Surveyor,	\$1 80
John H. Parks, “	2 40
John F. Emery, team on State road,	3 00
Charles J. Brewster, Surveyor,	2 40
James T. Roby, “	30 85
George R. Brewster, “ Middle road,	16 80
“ “ “ River road,	10 50
“ “ “	6 10
John S. Scammon, “	34 60
Arthur H. Jewell, “	31 60
Charles J. Brewster, “	33 25
Asa J. Chapman, “	39 50
Augustus H. Otis, labor,	4 00

Albert A. Haven, Surveyor,	\$14 00	
John H. Parks, "	14 00	
George R. Brewster, "	5 00	
Prescott Coburn, labor,	2 25	
Perley J. Wells, Surveyor,	11 00	
John S. Brewster, "	20 15	
Prescott Coburn, raking rocks,	4 05	
Arthur H. Jewell,	5 25	
Charles J. Brewster, Surveyor,	8 50	
DeWitt C. Chapman,	38 55	
George H. Bowley, labor,	7 00	
George R. Brewster, plank, Thompson Bridge,	2 00	
George W. Parkman, Surveyor,	34 95	
John S. Scammon, "	5 40	
James W. Rollins, "	33 00	
Peter Cote, repairs on road machine,	3 40	
James T. Roby, Surveyor,	7 50	
James Flynn, labor,	1 50	
William H. Lang,	29 88	
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		\$464 18
Overdraft of State Highway,		67 55
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		\$531 73
Total amount set apart for town roads,	\$588 43	
Less amount expended,	531 73	
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Transferred to contingent fund for highways,		\$56 70

G. RALPH LAIGHTON FUND.

Received of Mr. Loughton, to be expended at Stratham Hill Park,		\$100 00
George R. Brewster, labor,	\$4 00	
Frank L. Tuttle, "	17 00	
George W. Brackett, "	15 75	
L. B. Greeley, lettering boulder,	8 00	
Charles Grant, labor,	15 75	

Warren D. Chapman, labor,	\$12 75
G. C. Colburn, lumber,	27 57

\$100 82

\$0.82 appropriated from contingent fund.

MISCELLANEOUS.

James H. Batchelder, Assessors' book,	\$2 00
John F. Emery, on account John Doe, insane man,	3 00
Harry J. Syphers, " " "	5 37
Stewart Everett Rowe, " " "	3 50
E. C. Eastman, supplies for Town Clerk,	4 77
Fred H. Howe, police, Old Home Day,	2 00
Gregory boys, gathering waste at Park,	70
Boardman & Norton, supplies,	1 50
H. J. Willey, decorating soldiers' graves,	2 00
Fred N. Edmunds, special police, Old Home Day,	2 00
Charles Grant, Jr., " " "	2 00
G. E. Gowen, stove for Town Hall,	5 00
H. J. Syphers, notifying officers to take oath,	2 00
E. L. Glick, resolutions on Edward Tuck gift,	19 00
George H. Bowley, to County Farm,	2 00
Jerry Flynn, team, "	1 50
W. W. McIntire, tuning piano,	2 50
James H. Batchelder, supplies, etc.,	12 22
W. L. Dining, setting bound stones,	2 00
Geo. H. Bowley, " "	2 00
" labor on tree near Exeter line,	5 00
W. L. Dining, " " "	4 00
A. C. Lane, justice fees,	1 50

\$87 56

PRINTING.

John Templeton, town accounts, etc.,	\$67 70
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NOTES AND INTEREST.

George W. Dixon, interest on note (\$500.00),	\$20 00	
Exeter Banking Co., note and interest,	511 45	
Charles E. Pickering, interest on note (\$750.00),	30 00	
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		\$561 45

OLD HOME DAY.

John H. Mugridge, Treasurer,	\$50 00
Appropriation,	\$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

R. M. Scammon, Trustee, library tax,	\$55 80	
Louie Mugridge, Librarian (extra work),	33 30	
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		\$89 10

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Fred N. Edmunds, Treasurer,	\$120 00	
Mark F. Piper, Treasurer,	1,891 19	
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		\$2,011 19

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Bernard Copping, flags, express, etc.,	\$12 97	
D. C. McLachlan, vaccinating 12 scholars,	6 00	
Bernard Copping, for school board,	55 60	
Frank H. Brewster, flag poles and labor,	9 15	
Bernard Copping, for school board,	60 56	
“ “ “ “	15 81	
“ “ express and school supplies,	5 39	
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		\$165 48

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

John K. Bates, Treasurer Rockingham County,	\$1,458 25	
Solon A. Carter, Treasurer of New Hampshire,	930 00	
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		\$2,388 25

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Bernard Copping,	R. F. S.,	\$10 00
Otis W. Tuttle,	"	7 25
Eva Smith,	"	6 94
Helen Scammon,	"	8 71
Ruth Parkman,	"	9 60
Fred N. Edmunds,	"	2 05
Lillian Burpee,	"	5 05
George W. Chase,	"	3 75
Albert C. Lane,	"	2 20

\$55 55

SCHOLARS ATTENDING APPROVED SCHOOLS.

Fred A. Moore, Treas.,	E. H. S.,	\$33 75
Portsmouth High School account	Earl Stockbridge,	12 00
"	"	16 00
"	"	12 00
"	" Philip Gowen,	12 00
"	"	16 00
"	"	12 00

Fred A. Moore, Treas. Exeter High School, tuition to March 19, 217 50

A. N. Dow, Treas. Robinson Female Seminary, tuition to March 19, 370 00

\$701 25

SNOW PATHS.

George R. Brewster,	\$20 95
Thomas Ford, covering car tracks,	1 05
Melvin D. Stickney,	1 80
Albert A. Haven,	2 85
John H. Parks,	4 20
Mortimer B. Hanley,	6 83
Frank L. Tuttle,	6 90
Charles J. Brewster,	4 25
George W. Parkman,	4 35

DeWitt C. Chapman,	\$6 35
Asa J. Chapman,	9 15
Fred L. Jewell,	7 05
William L. Dining,	9 08
John S. Brewster,	3 45
John J. Day,	3 00
George R. Brewster,	2 70
William L. Morse,	11 48
James W. Rollins,	2 00
Arthur H. Jewell,	4 53
Perley J. Wells,	5 65
William H. Lang,	1 50
James W. Rollins,	9 20
George W. Bowley,	2 00
John W. Marsh,	2 45
Asa J. Chapman,	12 65
Charles Grant,	1 20
Albert A. Haven,	3 25
George W. Dixon,	5 84
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	\$155 71

STATE HIGHWAY.

John F. Emery, Superintendent,	\$433 26
“ “	81 33
“ “	25 00
“ “	225 00
“ “	200 00
“ “	93 58
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	\$1,058 17
Total joint fund available, Feb. 15, 1906,	\$990 62
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Overdrawn,	\$67 55

This amount, \$67.55, has been appropriated from the contingent fund of Highway money.

TOWN HALL SHEDS.

C. C. Colburn, shingles and carting,	\$40 50
Frank L. Tuttle, labor,	13 03
“ “	14 00
Hilliard & Kimball, supplies (nails), etc.,	10 15
G. C. Colburn, shingles,	43 87
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	\$121 55
Appropriation,	\$150 00
Expended,	121 55
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Balance transferred to contingent fund,	\$28 45

TOWN HALL.

Hattie L. Brewster, repairs on stage,	\$3 26
Frank L. Tuttle, setting glass,	1 00
C. E. Walker, 7820 lbs. coal,	31 28
E. B. Wiggin, insurance on town hall, 3 years,	78 75
John Emery, wood,	8 00
Hilliard & Kimball, supplies and labor,	11 00
G. C. Colburn, lumber,	9 30
G. H. Odell, supplies,	2 01
Albert E. West, sawing wood,	2 50
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	\$147 10

TOWN OFFICERS.

John F. Emery, balance on School Board,	\$24 00
“ after auditing,	18 00
W. Leslie Dining, “	3 00
George H. Bowley,	11 00
Isaac S. Wiggin, delivering and preparing town accounts,	4 00
F. J. Franklyn, service on School Board,	12 15
“ “ Town Clerk,	7 10
W. Leslie Dining, services as Selectman,	42 00
George H. Bowley, “ “	42 50
John F. Emery, “ “	70 50

Isaac S. Wiggin, services as Treasurer,	\$40 00
I. J. Chamberlain, " Town Clerk,	10 00
" births and deaths,	4 35
I. L. Godfrey, constable services,	10 00
Bernard Copping, services on School Board,	22 36
F. H. Pearson, " " "	32 26
Charles Grant, Jr., " Board of Health,	3 00
Fred N. Edmunds, " "	15 50
John W. Marsh, " "	2 75
James E. Stockbridge, Collector's services,	81 43
Frank H. Pearson, Auditor's services,	3 00
George W. Dixon, " "	3 00
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	\$461 90

WATERING TROUGHS.

John E. Chase, use watering trough, to December	
1, 1906,	\$1 75
James W. Rollins,	3 00
George E. Gowen,	3 00
George W. Dixon,	3 00
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	\$10 75

VITAL STATISTICS.

Under law of March 9, 1893, and by law of 1905 :—	
Frederick J. Franklyn, Town Clerk,	\$97 95

RECAPITULATION.

DR.	
Cash received by Treasurer,	\$9,703 01
CR.	
Abatements,	\$0 39
Brown Tail Moths,	59 55
Bonds,	24 00
County charges,	168 33
Dependent soldiers,	167 50

Election officers,	\$36 00
Greenwood Cemetery,	45 40
Highways,	464 18
Laighton fund,	100 82
Miscellaneous,	87 56
Printing,	67 70
Notes and interest,	561 45
Old Home Day,	50 00
Public library,	89 10
Support of schools,	2,011 19
Supplies for schools,	165 48
State and county tax,	2,388 25
School books, R. F. S.,	55 55
Scholars attending approved schools,	701 25
Snow paths,	155 71
State Highway,	1,058 17
Town Hall sheds,	121 55
Town Hall,	147 10
Town officers,	461 90
Watering troughs,	10 75
Vital statistics,	97 95
Balance on hand,	405 68
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	\$9,703 01

STRATHAM, N. H., February 15, 1907.

Have this day examined the foregoing account of Town Treasurer Isaac S. Wiggin and find that he has charged himself with receipts amounting to \$9,703.01, and proper vouchers have been exhibited for the payment of items amounting to \$9,297.33, leaving a balance on hand of \$405.68.

FRANK H. PEARSON, }
 GEORGE W. DIXON, } Auditors.

NOTES HELD AGAINST THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

Mar. 1, 1896, George W. Dixon, \$500, 4 per cent., on demand.
Jan. 2, 1904, Charles E. Pickering, \$750, 4 per cent., on demand.
May 10, 1906, Exeter Banking Co., \$300, 5 per cent., on demand.

NOTES HELD BY THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

Stratham & Newmarket Bridge Co., on account of Andrew Wiggin
fund, \$100, 4 per cent., on demand.
Stratham & Newmarket Bridge Co., on account of Sarah Downes
fund, \$50, 4 per cent., on demand.

Collectors' Reports.

ACCOUNT OF JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE, COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1907.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collec-
tion, State, County, Town, School and

Highway tax,	\$5,310 89
Non-resident,	1,373 20
Uncollected taxes of 1905,	97 33
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	\$6,781 42

COLLECTOR STOCKBRIDGE'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Treasurer in cash,	\$6,503 87
Discount,	127 93
Abatements,	13 60
Uncollected taxes of 1905-06,	136 02
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	\$6,781 42
Paid Treasurer in cash interest on taxes after Dec. 1, 1904,	\$10 71

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 14, 1907.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector James E. Stockbridge, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of uncollected taxes of one hundred and thirty-six dollars and two cents (\$136.02.)

FRANK H. PEARSON, }
GEORGE W. DIXON, } Auditors.

ACCOUNT OF M. G. ROBERTS, COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1906.

Mr. Roberts was charged last year with a balance of uncollected taxes and expenses of \$33.13, balance bearing interest from date of sale.

Mr. Roberts refused to submit any account to the Auditors this year, simply giving them a receipt from the Town Treasurer for \$18.64, and a voucher from the bank for the same, but whether that amount includes the correct interest or attendant expenses he has failed to show.

FRANK H. PEARSON,	}	Auditors.
FRED'K J. FRANKLIN,		

The foregoing account of Mr. Roberts is in exactly the same position as one year ago, inasmuch as he has failed to come before Selectmen or Auditors with any other satisfactory account to endeavor to untangle a mystery.

JOHN F. EMERY,	}	Selectmen of Stratham.
GEORGE H. BOWLEY,		
W. LESLIE DINING,		

Town Officers' Bills.

Town of Stratham to JOHN F. EMERY, DR.

Mar. 24,	To preparing inventory blanks,	\$2 00
Apr. 2, 3,	appraising lumber,	3 00
4,	in session,	2 00
6,	Exeter on account of town note,	1 00
14, 15,	making assessments,	4 00
May 1,	appointing surveyors, preparing books,	2 00
2,	drawing juror,	50
10,	Exeter on account of town note,	1 00
25,	making taxes and copying invoice book,	10 00
	writing Collector's book,	3 00
June 1,	return to Secretary of State,	2 00
	appointment of Town Clerk,	1 00
July 30,	town business, 1-2 day,	1 00
Aug.	consulting with State highway offi- cials,	4 00
Sept.	town business,	2 00
	Mr. Bowley's and Mr. Dining's,	1 00
Oct.	Portsmouth on town business,	2 00
	locating telephone poles,	2 00
	copying extra invoice,	3 00
Nov.	town business to Exeter,	2 00
Dec.	making settlement with State Treas- urer,	5 05
	supplies,	55
1907.		
Jan.	town business,	2 00
	Exeter,	1 00
Feb.	Portsmouth, settle with County,	2 00
	22 evening sessions,	11 00

\$70 50

Received payment,

JOHN F. EMERY.

Town of Stratham to GEORGE H. BOWLEY, DR.

1906.		
Mar. 24,	To preparing inventory blanks,	\$2 00
Apr. 2, 3,	appraising lumber,	3 00
" 4,	town business,	2 00
"	taking inventory,	10 00
" 14,	making assessments,	2 00
May 2,	drawing juror,	50
" 19,	town business,	50
July 30,	"	1 00
Sept. 1,	Emery's & Dining's,	1 00
Oct. 19,	perambulating Exeter lines,	2 00
Dec. 29,	drawing juror,	50
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Feb. 4,	Dining's and posting notices,	1 00
" 16,	in session,	2 00
" 18, 19,	auditing accounts,	4 00
	22 evening sessions,	11 00
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		\$42 50
Received payment,		
GEORGE H. BOWLEY.		

Town of Stratham to W. LESLIE DINING, DR.

1906.		
Mar. 24,	To preparing inventory blanks,	\$2 00
Apr. 2-3,	appraising lumber,	3 00
4,	town business,	2 00
	taking inventory,	10 00
14,	making assessments,	2 00
May 2,	drawing juror,	50
19,	appointing Surveyors,	1 00
Dec. 5,	locating telephone poles,	2 00
29,	drawing juror,	50
1907.		
Feb. 3,	work on town safe,	2 00

Feb. 16,	To in session,	\$2 00
18-19,	auditing accounts,	4 00
	to 22 evening sessions,	<u>11 00</u>
		\$42 00
	Received payment,	
	W. LESLIE DINING.	

Town of Stratham to F. H. PEARSON, DR.

April 2,	To engaging teachers and janitors,	\$0 75
5,	" " "	50
11,	visiting all schools,	2 00
12,	Division 2, on account of repairs,	50
28,	Exeter for supplies,	75
May 10,	Mr. Morse's,	50
15,	Mr. Franklyn's and Mr. Copping's,	50
16,	Portsmouth to form supervisory district, and visiting Division 2,	2 50
25,	visiting Division 4,	75
28,	" " 1 and 3,	1 00
June 11,	" " 1, 2 and 3 with Superintendent,	1 50
July 15,	making returns to State Supt.,	2 75
Aug. 27,	about town on school business,	75
Sept. 17,	visiting Divisions 1 and 4,	75
	" " 2 and 3,	75
	Division 2, on account of well,	50
	mileage to Boston and So. Berwick to hire teachers,	3 02
Dec. 6,	visiting Division 1, one-half day,	75
13,	Division 1, on account of well,	75
14,	visiting Division 3,	50
Dec. 15,	Division 3, on account of stove, and repairing same,	1 15
16,	notifying children in Division 2 of no school,	50
18,	one-half day at Division 4,	75

1907.			
Jan.	2,	To visiting Division 2,	\$0 50
	10,	" " 3,	50
		eight meetings of School Board,	4 00
		telephoning,	2 09
		postage,	1 00

\$32 26

Received payment,

F. H. PEARSON.

Town of Stratham to BERNARD COPPING, DR.

For services on School Board 1906, 1907.

May	16,	To Portsmouth on supervisory business,	\$2 00
		visiting school, Div. 2,	50
June	8,	" " 1,	50
	11,	" " 4,	75
	12,	" " 3,	75
Sept.	5,	supplies to " 2,	25
	6,	" " " 3,	25
	10,	" " " 2,	25
	22,	" all schools,	1 00
	23, 26,	enumeration of school children,	6 00
	29,	getting blackboards from Exeter,	
		and putting up same in Div. 1,	75
		supplies to Div. 2,	25
Nov.	8,	" " 2,	25
	27,	visiting " 1,	50
		supplies to " 2,	25
	28,	" " 2,	25
	27, 30,	painting 3 blackboards, 2 coats, at	
		Div. 3,	1 00
Dec.	2,	visiting school, Div. 2,	50
	18,	" " 4,	75
	27,	" " 2,	50

1907.

Jan. 7,	supplies school, Div. 4,	\$0 25
24,	" " 2,	25
18,	visiting school, " 4,	75
31,	" " 2,	50
Feb. 4,	supplies school, " 2,	25
12,	visiting " " 1,	50
	attending 4 School Board meetings,	2 00
	postage and stationery,	61
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\$22 36

Received payment,

BERNARD COPPING.

Feb. 16, 1907.

Report of Chief of Police.

Whole number of arrests,	Three.
Male,	Two.
Female,	One.
Offences,	Drunkeness.

HARRY J. SYPHERS, Chief of Police.

Report of Board of Health.

The town has been very fortunate in regard to contagious diseases, only 2 cases, both of scarlet fever, being reported in the past year. Said cases were not reported to the local Board of Health, and no physician called in by the parents.

We would call the attention of parents or guardians in regard to the law in reporting all contagious diseases within 24 hours. Any further infringement will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The law in regard to vaccination has been fully enforced; vaults, closets, etc., inspected; and a general cleaning up of school yards recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred.

JOHN N. EDMUNDS,	} Board of Health.
JOHN W. MARSH,	
CHARLES GRANT, JR.,	

Post office address - Stratham N.H.

Town Hall.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL.

Cash paid by Treasurer Wiggin :

Hattie L. Brewster, repairs on stage,	\$3 26
Frank L. Tuttle, setting glass,	1 00
C. E. Walker, 7820 pounds coal,	31 28
E. B. Wiggin, insurance for 3 years,	78 75
John Emery, wood,	8 00
Hilliard & Kimball, supplies and labor,	11 00
G. C. Colburn, lumber,	9 30
G. H. Odell, supplies,	2 01
Albert E. West, sawing wood,	2 50
George B. Wiggin, janitor's services,	27 75
“ oil, brooms, wicks, etc.,	5 57
Albert E. West, “ “	6 33
“ janitor's services,	33 50

\$220 25

REPORT OF GEORGE B. WIGGIN, JANITOR OF TOWN HALL.

DR.

Received from Winnicut Grange,	\$17 86
Jr. O. U. A. M.,	3 50
Greenland Athletic Club,	3 00
other sources,	16 50

\$40 86

CR.

Paid for oil, supplies, etc.,	\$5 57
George B. Wiggin, janitor,	27 75
Isaac S. Wiggin, Treasurer,	7 54

\$40 86

REPORT OF ALBERT E. WEST, JANITOR OF TOWN HALL,

FROM SEPT. 11, 1906, TO FEB. 15, 1907.

DR.

Received Winnicut Grange,	\$13 27	
Boys' Club,	3 22	
Armond's Show,	9 00	
Jr. O. U. A. M.,	3 15	
dancing class,	12 00	
rehearsals and entertainments, etc.,	18 50	
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		\$59 14

RECEIPTS.

Cash from contingent fund for insurance,	\$78 75	
“ “ all sources,	96 85	
Wood on hand,	5 00	
Coal “ “	4 00	
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		\$184 60
Leaving a balance against town,		\$35 65

To be credited as follows :

2 town meetings, and 1 school meeting,	\$4 50	
Fuel for library,	5 00	
Selectmen, 22 evening sessions,	5 50	
Other town officers' meetings, and free meetings,	5 00	
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		\$20 00

NO APPROPRIATION.

Insurance,	\$26 25
Actual receipts over expenses of Town Hall for year ending Feb. 15, 1907,	\$9 60

CR.

Paid George H. Odell, supplies,	\$6 33
Albert E. West, janitor,	33 50
Isaac S. Wiggin, Treas.,	19 31
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	\$59 14

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1907.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Janitors George B. Wiggin and Albert E. West, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN F. EMERY,	} Selectmen
GEORGE H. BOWLEY,	
W. LESLIE DINING,	
	} of
	} Stratham.

Highway Surveyors' Report.

Paid John H. Parks,	Surveyor,	\$16 40
Asa J. Chapman,	"	39 50
Albert A. Haven,	"	19 80
Charles J. Brewster,	"	44 15
John S. Scammon	"	40 00
George W. Parkman,	"	34 95
Herbert W. Lang,	"	29 88
James W. Rollins,	"	33 00
George W. Bowley,	"	12 00
Arthur H. Jewell,	"	43 15
DeWitt C. Chapman,	"	38 55
James T. Roby,	"	38 35
John S. Brewster,	"	20 15
George R. Brewster,	" 2 districts,	38 40
Perley J. Wells,	"	15 90
		\$464 18
Total amount set apart for districts,		\$588 43
Balance unexpended, which is transferred to con-		
tingent fund for highways,		\$56 70

STRATHAM, Feb. 15, 1907.

Have this day examined the accounts of the above Highway Surveyors and find them well cast and properly vouched for the amounts set against their respective names.

JOHN F. EMERY,	}	Selectmen
GEORGE H. BOWLEY,		of
W. LESLIE DINING,		Stratham.

State Highway.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Highway Department, January 24, 1907.

Statement of Joint Fund account:

Town contribution, 1905 balance,	\$33 00	
Town contribution, 1906,	586 50	
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State contribution, 1905 balance,	\$19 52	
State contribution, 1906,	351 60	
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Total joint fund available, Feb. 15, 1906,		<hr/> \$990 62
Town disbursements approved,	\$963 95	
State disbursements,	26 67	
	<hr/>	\$990 62

A. W. DEAN, State Engineer.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN F. EMERY, SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE HIGHWAY.

DR.

Received of Isaac S. Wiggin, Treasurer,

\$1,058 17

CR.

W. G. Parkman, team,	\$55 40
A. H. Otis, "	66 00
J. F. Ayer, "	11 90
W. L. Dining, "	40 00
H. J. Syphers, "	40 00
J. W. Berry, "	22 23
U. A. Lane, labor,	36 19
Sylvester Dame, team,	32 64
A. E. West, labor,	12 55
William Wentworth, labor,	16 60
F. H. Brewster, tool box,	7 31
G. R. Brewster, team,	56 50
John S. Scammon, "	27 68
W. H. Lang, "	12 00
J. G. Barnard, "	36 00
G. W. Dixon, gravel,	30 90
John J. Proctor, labor,	16 90
Hilliard & Kimball, supplies,	16 55
W. B. Grant, roller,	47 73
James Flynn, labor,	27 80
George W. Chase, team,	25 00
I. L. Godfrey, labor,	13 88
Charles Chadbourne, labor,	12 00
W. E. Chapman, "	29 35
C. J. Brewster, team,	46 25
J. T. Roby, "	36 20
Emery & Co., "	28 00
A. J. Edmunds, labor,	21 25
E. H. Wentworth, "	4 50

J. L. Currier, labor,	\$1 50
G. H. Bowley, "	47 00
Pascal Horton, "	6 85
Charles Grant, "	17 25
Robert Otis, "	19 08
A. A. Haven, team,	28 00
A. J. Edmunds, labor,	3 90
J. F. Emery, to Concord, 3 times,	15 15
" plank,	2 88
" oil, spikes, etc.,	1 65
" superintendent, 24 days,	60 00
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Total amount of State work,	\$1,058 17
Amount of State and town fund to be used by town,	963 95
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Overdraft,	\$94 22

Which was drawn from contingent fund for highways. Of the \$1058.17, \$47.73 for roller should not be charged to State work, which, taken from the overdraft of \$94.22, leaves the actual overdraft of \$46.49 for State work.

STRATHAM, Feb. 15, 1907.

Have this day examined the account of J. F. Emery, Superintendent of State Highway, and find he has charged himself with receiving \$1058.17, which he has expended and for which he exhibits proper vouchers.

FRANK H. PEARSON, }
 GEORGE W. DIXON, } Auditors.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Highway Department, February 8, 1907.

Statement Relating to State Aid for Highways in Town of Stratham.

Under Chapter 29 of the Laws of 1899, towns are required to raise one-fourth of one per cent. of their valuation for maintenance of roads, provided, however that no town is required to raise an amount exceeding \$50 per mile of road. The valuation of the towns for 1906, and the actual mileage of roads in each town cannot be definitely stated at this date, hence the amounts opposite "A" and "C" below are approximate only.

Subject to the above statement, the following amounts relate to the above-named town :

A.	Amount required to be raised under the law of 1899, one-fourth of one per cent.,	\$979 43
B.	Additional amount if town applies for state aid,	195 50
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C.	Total minimum amount required to be raised for high- way purposes if town applies for state aid,	\$1,174 93

If no application for state aid is made in 1907, the town is required under Section 3 of Chapter 35, Laws of 1905, to set apart and expend for permanent improvement the sum of \$391.00.

If the town does apply for state aid under the above-mentioned law of 1905, a joint fund for the town is formed, the items of which are as follows :

Set apart by town under Section 3,	\$391 00
Set apart by town under Section 4,	195 50
Apportioned by state under Section 5,	351 60
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Total joint fund for 1906,	\$938 10

Report of Library Trustees.



The library has been in charge of Miss Louie F. Mugridge as librarian during the year, who has been a most courteous and painstaking official. Seventy-eight volumes have been added. Of these, 39 volumes of new works were purchased and 5 volumes were purchased to take the place of copies worn out. Five books, having been exposed to infection from contagious disease, were burned. Miss Mary J. Roberts and others joined in presenting the library a bound copy of the will of Andrew Wiggin, an early settler of Strat-ham and who died here in 1710. This document gives much valuable information in relation to localities and early land-titles in the northern part of the town. Miss Ida O. Folsom donated the library 33 copies of miscellaneous works.

Financial statement for the year ending Feb. 15, 1907 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1906,	\$4 37	
Annual appropriation,	55 80	
Fines, balance,	2 91	
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Total receipts,		\$63 08

EXPENDITURES.

1906.		
Sept. 22, Old Corner Book Store, books,	\$11 86	
Nov. 28, DeWolfe & Fiske Co., “	3 15	
“ Old Corner Book Store, “	30 00	
1907.		
Feb. 9, Jas. H. Batchelder, “	4 84	

Feb. 15, Old Corner Book Store, books,	\$7 20
Cash to balance,	5 54
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	\$63 08

STRATHAM, Feb. 19, 1907.

We have this day examined the above accounts of the library trustees and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of five dollars and fifty-four cents in the hands of the Treasurer.

FRANK H. PEARSON,	} Auditors.
GEORGE W. DIXON,	

ANNUAL LIST OF BOOKS PURCHASED.

3A26	The Children's Year,	Anon.
30B2	Four Afoot,	Barbour, R. H.
40B	Alton of Somasco,	Bindloss, Harold.
41B	With Rogers' Rangers,	Browne, G. W.
4C6	A Lady of Rome,	Crawford, F. Marion.
7C6	The Storm Centre,	Craddock, Charles Egbert.
21C3	Coniston,	Churchill, Winston.
28C4	The Doctor,	Connor, Ralph.
29C1	The Fighting Chance,	Chambers, Robert W.
29C2	Mountain-Land,	" "
29C3	Forest-Land,	" "
10D3	Real Soldiers of Fortune,	Davis, R. H.
11D4	Sir Nigel,	Doyle, A. Conan.
20D3	With Mask and Mitt,	Dudley, A. T.
27D	A Little Son of Sunshine,	Deland, E. D.
9F1	Cruise of the Training Ship,	Fitch, Ensign Clarke.
35H	The Garden of Allah,	Hichens, Robert.
2K4	Puck of Pook's Hill,	Kipling, Rudyard.
12L1	White Fang,	London, Jack.

31M3	Jane Cable,	McCutcheon, Geo. B.
31M4	Castle Cranecrow,	" "
19P	Snowland Folk,	Peary, Robert E.
17R	The Heart That Knows,	Roberts, Charles G. D.
31S	The Jungle,	Sinclair, Upton.
32S	The Colonel of the Red Huzzars,	Scott, John Reed.
8T4	Men and Things,	Twain, Mark.
12T4	Four Boys in the Yellowstone,	Tomlinson, E. T.
12T5	Marching Against the Iroquois,	" "
27W4	The Mystery,	White, S. E. and Adams, S. H.
B94	Autobiography of Andrew Dickson White, Vol. I.	
B95	" " " " "	Vol. II.
B96	The Boys' Life of Abraham Lincoln,	Nicolay, Helen.
B97	Geronimo's Story of his Life,	Barrett, S. M.
M44	Will of Andrew Wiggin, Sen.	
N49	The Wit of the Wild,	Ingersoll, Ernest.
T85	Life in Morocco,	Meakin, Budgett.
T86	Highways and Byways of the Mississippi Valley,	Johnson, Clifton.
T87	Certain Delightful English Towns,	Howells, W. D.
U59	Common Sense Gardens,	Sewell, Cornelius V. V.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE G. PEARSON,	} Library
ANNIE W. SCAMMON,	
RICHARD M. SCAMMON,	
	Trustees.

Annual Report of the Board of Education.

ORGANIZATION.

FRANK H. PEARSON,	Chairman.
BERNARD COPPING,	Secretary.
WILLIAM L. MORSE,	Truant Officer.

CALENDAR.

Spring term,	April 9 to June 15.
Fall term,	September 4 to December 21.
Winter term,	January 7 to March 15.

TEACHERS.

Division 1.

Miss Mary E. Folsom, West Epping.
Miss Alice A. Gould, Exeter.

Division 2.

Miss Susie O. French, Stratham.
Miss Mollie F. Flynn, South Berwick, Me.*

Division 3.

Miss J. Maude French, Stratham.
Miss Clara U. Brown, Kingston.
Miss Rachel B. Moore, Somersworth.*
Miss Ellen M. Gibbons, Hingham, Mass.
Miss Carolyn M. Crockett, Vinalhaven, Me.

Division 4.

Miss Isabelle Burt, Exeter.
Miss Mollie F. Flynn, South Berwick, Me.

*Substitute.

The personnel of the Board of Education has been changed several times in the past year. Early in the year Mr. A. H. Cragg tendered his resignation, the remaining members then

appointed Rev. Frederick J. Franklyn to fill the vacancy. Mr. Franklyn had served but a short time when he accepted a call to another pastorate and so was obliged to bring to a close his connection with the Board. Rev. Bernard Copping was then appointed to fill out the term.

In pursuance of the vote of the District and at the invitation of State Superintendent Morrison, we went to Portsmouth about the middle of May and met the members of the School Boards of Alton, Greenland, Newington and Rye, with whom we voted to unite and form a Supervisory District and to employ as superintendent Mr. Robert J. Sisk, of Farmington (now of Dover), a graduate of Dartmouth and an experienced teacher. The salary voted Mr. Sisk was \$1,700, of which Stratham was to pay 3-17 or \$300 (1-2 of which is returned to us by the State) and receive 3-17 of his time, that is three days out of every seventeen was to be devoted to our schools. It was also stipulated that the visits should not be made at regular intervals nor the time necessarily divided evenly among the four schools, the Superintendent and the Board believing that much better results would follow unexpected visits and that some schools, at times, would require more of his attention than others.

The annual meeting was held at such an unusually late date (March 30) that very little time was given to secure teachers and have the schools begin at the usual time. We were, however, able to secure the same corps of teachers that had been in charge, with the exception of Division 2. Miss Susie O. French, a former teacher in that school, having returned from the South much improved in health, was placed in charge of that school again.

Early in the year we recognized that one of the principal defects in our schools was the irregular attendance of the pupils. We have endeavored to alleviate this evil with some success we believe, but although the law is ample this defect will not be overcome until the parents recognize that they are not only retarding the progress of their own children, but of the whole school and co-operate with the school officers in trying to obtain a better attendance.

MODERN METHODS.

The idea that so many people have allowed to take possession of them that the old way is good enough for the children of to-day has been proved to be a fallacy. This is an age of progress and along all lines one method is used only until a better one supersedes it. The aim of to-day is to arrive at a certain point or to attain certain results in the shortest possible time. Is it reasonable to suppose that while changes have been taking place in all else educational methods have alone remained at a standstill. The old notion of sending a child to school like a bucket to the well to be filled is a thing of the past. Education is a process of growth and the up-to-date teacher does not seek to fill the child's head with a lot of facts and figures, but rather seeks to develop the thinking powers of the pupil and enable him by a process of reasoning to attain results by his own efforts? It was, therefore, with a feeling of satisfaction that we allowed Mr. Sisk to assume control in the fall, and although insufficient time has elapsed for a fair trial, we are convinced by personal observation that our school system has been materially improved by modern methods and trained supervision.

TEACHERS.

We have endeavored to secure the best teachers within our means, selecting those who have had the advantage of advanced training or of long experience. We have been unfortunate in Division 3, owing to sickness and a combination of circumstances, but through no one's fault.

FINANCES.

We have not tried to see how cheaply we could run our schools but we have tried to secure an adequate return for the money we have expended. We have not closed the Winter term at this writing but plan to continue until March 15th, making a school year of 36 weeks. The walls and ceilings at Division 1 and 2 we have had white washed and the floors have been oiled. At Division 4 new windows have been installed, the old ones being beyond repair. The wells at Divisions 1 and 2 have been thor-

oughly cleaned, the curbs raised to allow of better ventilation and new pumps installed. The fuel we contracted for at the lump sum of \$120. In addition we have paid bills amounting to \$120 contracted by the previous Board and we have managed to come out about square.

REPAIRS.

The school house in Division 3 should be shingled, not so much that the shingles are worn out but they are all loose and likely to become detached. The fence in Division 1 should be painted and the one in Division 2 repaired or renewed; but above all a sum of money should be appropriated to improve the toilet facilities at each school house; the present conditions are a disgrace to any town. In closing we cordially invite and urge parents and others to visit our schools. We welcome criticisms founded upon personal knowledge or observation, but discourage those based entirely upon hearsay, as being too often without foundation.

If all our citizens would take a more active interest in our schools and show it by occasional visits, the teachers and pupils would be encouraged to make greater efforts and the School Board would feel that they were not the only ones who have the interest of our schools at heart.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. PEARSON.
BERNARD COPPING.
WILLIAM L. MORSE.

ENUMERATION AND ROLL OF HONOR.

Not being able to give the statistics for the full year, we have omitted the usual table.

Number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 :

Boys,	70
Girls,	64
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New Hampshire born,	103
Elsewhere in United States, . .	28
Foreign born,	3
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	134

Roll of Honor for Fall Term : Warren Horton, Vernon Bond, Maurice Cottrell, Ruth Godfrey, Lauris Godfrey, Myra Jewell, Percy Murray, Cora Lane, Ralph Lane.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

I am, I believe, a little bit inclined to be what some educators would call "old fashioned." I do not think all the old ways are bad. Some of them are better than the new ways. I still dare to believe that thoroughness, common sense and hard work are more essential in a teacher than the latest device for teaching fractions, or the ability to picture a cow in seven different colors. And on this basis we have tried to improve our work. We have placed particular attention upon the following:

(1) Reading, for it is the basis of knowledge in all other subjects. We aim to secure at least two things: first, that the child who reads shall know what it means; second, that he talks plainly enough to be understood. Also that he learn to spell out and pronounce words for himself, not rely on the teacher for information. We have therefore introduced

(2) Phonic drill, which aims to teach the child not only the names of the letters, a, b, etc., but also *what sound these letters stand for*; alone, and in combination.

(3) Spelling, for it is one of the things in which any self-respecting man or woman should be correct; at least as to common words. We have used a special drill on spelling which has produced good results; better, I think, than formerly obtained.

(4) Writing is hard to teach in schools of many classes, for it demands the immediate attention of the teacher. Letting pupils write by themselves does very little good, and probably does much harm. We have tried to give drill on the forms of the letters, and can show some improvement. But results are by no means satisfactory, and we must make this our next special study; as its value is apparent to all.

(5) Language and Composition. In this we can point to great improvement in some pupils. I think on the whole some general advance may be seen. Yet it is very uneven, and will take several years to grade it up where it belongs.

(6) History and Geography have been conducted on the usual lines. I hope to make special report on these another year.

(7) Physiology. The tendency in this study is to put greater emphasis on hygiene and less upon technical anatomy. We have tried to make more of drawing as a means of expression here, with very good results in some cases.

(8) Arithmetic. In this study we have attempted to fight the tendency which pupils usually have to "go over" a process without very much thought as to what it means, or is good for, except to "get the answer." We have laid particular stress on oral work and mental arithmetic, and have increased the time before given to oral work.

There is a mistaken popular notion that modern educators don't believe in "learning" the multiplication tables. It has this basis: We believe that a child should be able to know six objects when he sees them, and distinguish that number from five or seven, before he is compelled to repeat, parrot-like, $2 \times 3 = 6$; $2 + 4 = 6$; etc. But, having learned to distinguish number, and to identify his combinations by actual experiment, *he should then commit them to memory*, so as to have them ready for use at an instant's notice.

(9) Neatness and order, we consider of great importance, and have tried to impress same upon teachers and pupils. We have also seen to it that there are

PERMANENT RECORDS.

Such records, with the exception of registers more or less accurately kept, are usually unknown and unheard of in country schools. Each teacher is a law sufficient unto herself, who, when she takes the school, receives little if any information as to what had gone before; and who, when she departs, leaves little in the way of guidance to her successor.

Every good school should have the following permanent records:

1. *Register correctly and honestly kept.* An attempt at this is usual in every school. As a matter of fact a large per cent. of teachers' registers are inaccurate. This is due to ignorance of the correct form, or carelessness. I have examined many of the registers for previous years, and have found inaccuracies and inconsis-

tencies in almost every one. This year I have had printed postals with the statistics for four weeks, mailed to me every month. This has enabled me to keep track of the attendance, etc., and has been the means of discovering and correcting several errors. There are doubtless some mistakes that have slipped past me, but at least I have been able to prevent some. I am ready to explain the mysteries of the register to any teacher at any time.

2. *A record of every pupil*, his full name, age, grade, parent's name and occupation, with special note of any physical defect or other useful information. These records have been made, and I have such information about every pupil in the district.

3. *A record of the different classes*, with names of the pupils in each class. This information is invaluable to a substitute or to a new teacher, and should be kept in plain sight in every teacher's desk, ready for instant reference. I have caused such to be made.

4. *A written daily programme or time table*. Many schools have no such thing, and you can easily see what an advantage that is to a new teacher as well as to the regular teacher, pupils and visitors. It shows better than any other thing the work of the school. Each school has this posted in the room, and I have a duplicate.

5. *A record of the work done by each class*, including pages in text books, topics, outline of subject, etc. The possession of such a thing for the previous year would prevent many of the dreary reviews and going over again processes so devoid of interest to the pupil.

It also is a means by which the work may be checked up, and is a definite statement of what the pupil has or has not been taught. By it we may see just where the various classes stand. By it we may judge the clearness and definiteness with which a subject has been presented, and by means of it bring to light many places where improvement is possible.

These have been made out on cards every six weeks. They are classified and filed in my office, and will be returned to the school at the end of the year.

6. *A definite course of study*. We have been following, as nearly as possible, the uniform course for common schools in the

state of New Hampshire, published by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This course is already in use in many of the schools of the state, and being adopted by others every day. Its adoption will tend to make our schools more nearly alike, and when a family moves from one town to another, the children will not have to lose a year or two because the courses are so different.

The course is broad enough to allow for local conditions, and variation in detail, and contains many suggestions on outline and teaching of great value to teachers. A copy has been placed in every school, and it should serve as a guide and subject of study for every teacher. It is the result of the combined efforts of the best educators of New England, and is of far greater value than that which any one man or any school board could provide. *Having* a course is one thing, and *following* it is another. The checking up by means of item 5 helps on this.

7. *A record of pupils' work and a report of same to parents.*

These reports are for the purpose indicated on the back of each, and have been sent out so that the parents may have some idea of how the pupil is getting along. In the case of Winnicut school they were not sent during the first term because no one teacher was there long enough to judge fairly of the pupils' work.

The change of teachers in this school was unavoidable and was occasioned at the start by the illness of the first teacher; and again by her illness and final resignation.

8. *A record of the books on hand.*

Many teachers have a rather vague knowledge of the books in their own school. And sometimes school boards do not exactly know what is on hand for text material.

A record of all books, their titles, authors, publishers, number and condition, should be kept and revised up to date as often as any changes are made. This record should show both the books in actual use, and the books on hand but not in use, as well. Such record has been made this year.

9. *A record of books loaned to each pupil.*

Every text book upon purchase should be stamped with the school district stamp and a label (for record of pupil who uses it) pasted in front. This label should state the conditions under

which the book is loaned to the pupil. Each book should have a number, and this number, with the name of the pupil and the date, recorded by teacher.

Free text books cost the town money. They should be looked after with extreme care, and pupils should be held strictly accountable for proper use of them. I strongly urge teachers, school boards, pupils and parents, to greater care in this matter, as it means hundreds of dollars to the town, besides the moral effect of respect for the rights and property of others.

I recommend the purchase of record books (such as published by Lee & Shepard) made especially for this; one or more for each teacher, and advise more strict and accurate account of text books. It is some trouble of course to do this, but it means an annual saving of perhaps hundreds of dollars to the taxpayers. Besides, it is business, a strictly business proceeding; and it sometimes seem as if business methods and the public schools needed an introduction.

10. *An accurate record by the teachers of all supplies received, with dates and amounts.*

There is waste in the use of supplies. A sheet of paper wasted every day by each pupil means at the end of the year a loss of four or five dollars to the district. The same applies to pencils, pens, blotters, chalk, etc.

I do not mean to be niggardly in regard to supplies. That would be poor economy. But I do mean that the teacher should take great pains to teach the value of economy and to avoid waste in the use of materials.

So I recommend that each teacher be provided with a book (such may be purchased of supply dealers for a few cents) made especially for such record, and that account be made of every article supplied at public expense, and that such account be returned to the superintendent of schools, and through him to the school board at the close of every term.

This will not only account for what becomes of our supplies but also enable us to check up and detect waste, as well as furnish a basis for estimate of purchase for succeeding years.

Again it is an application of business methods to schools, and a

strict application of such methods, with frequent checking up, will reveal many a leak and result in saving your district many dollars. Only someone has to have charge of it and be given authority to handle it as he sees fit, or you cannot place responsibility.

THE SCHOOLS THEMSELVES.

PHYSICAL AND SANITARY CONDITIONS.

1. *Toilet facilities.* Without sewerage or other means of disposing of waste matter this question becomes extremely difficult to settle. At the same time it is the most important question that a local school board ever has to consider, and one which is universally neglected and passed over as of secondary consideration, or regarded as a negligible quantity in the solution of the school problem.

The results of its solution affect a school in three ways, physically, mentally and morally. And the greatest of these is morally.

It's a question of which the average citizen fights shy, and the average school board dare not attack. It is usually dismissed by rural citizens with the soothing remark that it is "as good as we had when we went to school" or "as good as other country towns have," both of which are disgracefully true but of no value toward a solution of the problem.

If your schools as they are are good enough for you they surely are good enough for me. Neither you nor I have to go to them. But your children do, and they are not good enough for them by considerable.

2. *Water.* The usual provision for supply is a well on or about the school grounds, or the pump of some obliging neighbor.

Habits of personal cleanliness, neatness and propriety will be a much more valuable asset to a graduate of our schools than geography. Yet it seems as if we usually fail to devote much time to teaching the former, and lay considerable stress on the latter. I frequently find items for expenditure for geographies or physiologies, but not often for articles calculated to apply hygienic teaching, namely, soap and towels.

I therefore recommend that a water tank of three or four gallon

capacity, made of porcelain, enameled iron, or granite ware, with a cover and faucet, be provided for each school, and a suitable stand for same be procured. I further recommend that each school be provided with a basin, a cake of ivory soap, a towel rack, and a dozen towels.

Pupils and teachers both have to do work in school which soils the hands. I have no use for the boy or girl, man or woman, who is afraid to soil his hands when necessary. But he should have a chance to wash them and a clean towel to wipe them on afterward.

ATTENDANCE.

1. I believe we should admit new first grade pupils only in the fall. The school year commences in the fall. The work is started then, and continued from that point until June. If you allow new pupils to enter in the middle of the year you instantly increase the number of classes by two surely, probably by three. And the greatest fault in our teaching now is that there are too many classes. This rule enforced will help our schools. It does not apply, of course, to pupils who can take their places in classes already existing.

2. I believe many pupils enter school too young. Some people are anxious to send children to school at an early age because it gets them out of the way for 6 or 7 hours a day. Pupils vary in ability. Some children at the age of 5 are more developed than others at 6 or 7. But if I were to recommend a fixed age for admission I should say 6 years.

3. We need a greater sense of responsibility on part of parents. Nothing should be allowed to interfere with the attendance of children except the following: 1. Sickness of child. 2. Exposure to contagious disease. 3. Impassable condition of roads. 4. Death in family. Keeping pupils at home to work is illegal, and punishable by a fine. The best school on earth would not help your children, unless they attended regularly. It is the first requisite of a good school.

4. We need a district by-law on truancy, making compulsory the attendance of children between the ages of 14 and 16, unless

they are engaged in some regular and legal employment. It would be well also to fix a legal minimum of age.

5. Tardiness.

To parents and pupils: Every case of tardiness injures our school. Every time a pupil is late it detracts from the general efficiency of the session. It not only interrupts the work, takes the attention of other pupils and bothers the teacher, but it also has a bad influence upon the school as a whole, and the individual members of it. It's a bad example. More than that, it is exceedingly harmful in its effect upon the pupil who is tardy. It is a wrong principle. If repeated, it is a start toward a bad habit. The habits we form in childhood and youth are hard to break. If bad, we are handicapped by them.

Being behind time has caused much inconvenience, many great calamities, wrecked lives and changed the destiny of empires. The success and safety of many a great system depends upon certain things being done at certain times, and done promptly to the second.

He who is behind soon loses the confidence and respect of his associates. No one likes to do business with the man who is "behind time." "Yes," you say, "but is being late at school so very bad?" *It is.* For it is principally a matter of habit. It's just as easy to be on time, as a few minutes late. One is right; the other wrong.

We therefore urge parents to assist us in this, and see to it that their children are at school, and on time, every session. No school which has poor attendance or a large number of tardinesses can be called a good school. Every single case counts, and goes to swell the total. These schools are yours. They are for your children. We are trying to make them good schools; schools which will help your children to become good men and women. You must help us. And this is one of the ways in which you can do it now.

As a final word, I wish to urge citizens to pay more attention to the schools. This is a democratic government of ours. Its permanence and its stability rest ultimately upon the intelligence of the individual voter. We, to-day, understand that education is the one and only safe, sure, and reliable means by which we can pro-

vide that "government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

We should not be anxious merely to have schools as good as the average. We should not rest content with educational facilities as good as those when we were boys. We should not be satisfied with what we have, simply because we have become accustomed to it, unless it's the very best we can afford.

I believe our country schools should fit a boy to take his place anywhere in the world. That's all right. My plan would not change that at all. But I do think we ought to make some provision in them, which we do not now, for information along lines that will direct his attention, and lead him to apply his knowledge to matters of vital interest which he passes every day with heedless eyes. And that some provision should be made for keeping our good, clean, young country blood, some of it any way, in the country where it belongs and can do the most good. And the community that will awake to the situation, seek information along this line, and make a start, will, in twenty years time, produce a race of farmers who can meet their taxes without an objection, and provide adequately for the education of their children, because they will have mixed brains with their muscle, and use their heads and hands in harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. SISK,

Superintendent.

Feb. 15, 1907.

REPORT OF MARK F. PIPER, TREASURER SCHOOL DISTRICT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Fred N. Edmunds, balance from	
last year,	\$378 88
" from I. S. Wiggin, Town Treasurer,	
amount required by law,	1,395 00
Amount raised in addition to above,	150 00
" " for Superintendent,	150 00
" returned by State for Superintendent,	150 00
Literary fund,	84 79
Dog money,	81 40
Received from Town of Greenland for tuition,	28 75
Total receipts,	\$2,418 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Isabelle Burt, teaching,	\$130 00
Mary E. Folsom, " "	247 00
Mary A. Bartlett, " "	73 50
J. Maude French, " "	136 00
Susie O. French, " "	289 80
Mollie F. Flynn, " "	121 40
Rachel B. Moore, " "	14 40
Clara U. Brown, " "	17 60
Alice A. Gould, " "	95 40
Ellen M. Gibbons, " "	82 40
Carolyn M. Crockett, " "	50 00
George F. Smith, janitor,	4 00
Frank Cragg, " "	7 00
Lewis Lane, " "	9 20
Maude Thompson, " "	8 05
Shirley Gowen, " "	11 25
Warren Horton, " "	1 05
Archie Cragg, " "	4 90
J. F. Emery, wood for Division 4,	2 00
W. L. Dining, " "	50

Paid A. H. Cragg, wood for Division 2,	\$7 00
George H. Odell, supplies,	19 14
I. L. Godfrey, sawing wood,	2 00
A. Young, stove and supplies,	17 70
W. L. Morse, wood,	81 00
James Batchelder, supplies,	107 33
M. D. Stickney, labor at Division 1,	1 50
George W. Brackett, labor on well, Div. 2,	3 50
Prescott Coburn, cleaning vaults,	2 50
Ralph E. Meras, cabinet for Division 4,	3 50
Mrs. Mabelle Smith, cleaning school house, Division 3,	5 00
Mrs. I. L. Godfrey, cleaning school house, Division 2,	4 00
Mrs. Ida Wentworth, cleaning school houses, Divisions 1 and 3,	7 50
A. J. Chapman, whitewashing, Divisions 1 and 2, and repairing walls,	37 50
Albert E. West, cleaning well, Division 1,	3 00
Fred C. Bond, oiling floors, Div. 1 and 2,	4 00
Chas. Whidden, Treasurer Alton, Newing- ton, Greenland, Rye and Stratham su- pervisory district, on account,	150 00
Frank H. Brewster, repairs on Divisions 3 and 1,	38 78
Hilliard & Kimball, supplies,	4 10
F. H. Pearson, labor and supplies,	5 21
Balance on hand,	609 11
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	\$2,418 82

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 19, 1907.

Have this day examined the account of School Treasurer Mark F. Piper, and find them correctly cast, properly vouched, and a balance on hand of six hundred and nine dollars and eleven cents (\$609.11).

FRANK H. PEARSON, }
GEORGE W. DIXON, } Auditors.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1906.

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Name of Father.			Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.			
Jan. 14	Annie M.	F	3	L	Alma Hanley	Stratham	Kittery, Me.
Mar. 3	Esther G.	M	3	"	Sarah M. Smith	Cohoes, N. Y.	Hartford, Conn.
April 11	Bessie M.	F	2	"	Lavindia E. Green	Stratham	Nova Scotia.
May 9	Emile R.	"	2	"	Cora B. Witham	Stratham	Newmarket.
May 28	Carrie I.	M	1	"	Clara Duquette	Canada	Canada.
July 19	Grace E.	F	3	"	Florence B. Kelley	Weymouth, Ms.	Stratham.
Aug. 1	Sherman F.	M	3	"	Addie J. Palmer	North Hampton	Hampton.
Aug. 16	Helen S.	F	1	"	Nellie W. Kelley	Nottingham	Gloucester, Ms.
Oct. 5	Carl E.	M	1	"	Olla L. Holt	Nashua	Nashua.
Oct. 25	Delta S.	F	3	"	Edith M. Wentworth	Stratham	Stratham.
					Ruth G. Smith	Stratham	Stratham.
					Wilfred H. Bachelder		

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1906.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 17	Stratham	Clarence E. Gowen Lottie G. Smart	27 22	W "	Stratham Stratham	Geo. E. Gowen Joseph T. Smart		Rev. Bernard Copping, Stratham.
Mar. 10	Stratham	Geo. E. Chapman Edith M. Wentworth	21 21	W "	Stratham Stratham	Asa J. Chapman Geo. F. Wentworth		Rev. F. J. Franklin, Stratham.
June 6	Stratham	Edward C. Robinson Bessie M. French	23 21	W "	Stratham Stratham	A. W. Robinson Otis B. French		Rev. Bernard Copping, Stratham.
Aug. 21	Stratham	Arthur H. Jewell Dorothy Thompson	26 19	W "	Stratham Stratham	A. E. Jewell L. H. Thompson		Rev. J. H. Mugridge, Stratham.
Dec. 30	Epping	Frederick L. Robinson Nellie J. Wells	24 19	W "	Dover Epping	J. W. Robinson J. W. Wells		Rev. R. J. Elliott, Epping.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1906.

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Feb. 26	Sophia A. Rollins	78			Stratham	F	W	S	James W. Rollins.	Mehitable Holman.
Mar. 12	Fanny J. Tuttle	76	1	29	Keene	"	"	W	Joseph E. Blake	Sarah Scammon.
23	Melinda S. Kelley	77		9	Stratham	"	"	M	Reuben Langley	Rachel Leavitt.
April 6	Asa E. Jewell	71	9	16	Roxbury, Mass.	M	"	"	David Jewell	Phebe A. Perry.
8	Bertha A. Wells	55	7	10	Portsmouth	F	"	"	Bartholomew Clasby	
May 25	William H. Snell	82	1	23	Nova Scotia	M	"	"	Henry Snell.	
31	Hattie G. Parks	42	7		Manchester	F	"	"	Selwyn B. Abbott	Carrie L. Edgerton.
June 7	Melissa D. Wentworth	65	11	7	Canada	"	"	"	Elijah Heath	Brown.
July 30	Charles W. Scott	82	4	11	Portsmouth	M	"	W	Daniel P. Scott	Sarah C. Furber.
Aug. 28	Frank H. Scammon	45	2	13	Stratham	"	"	M	John J. Scammon	Rachel J. Jewell.
22	Albion Barker,	80	11	15	Stratham	"	"	W	George Barker	Mary C. Piper.
29	David B. Batchelder	88	11	9	North Hampton	"	"	"	Edward C. Batchelder	Mary Philbrick.
Sept. 9	Sherman F. Witham		1	15	Stratham	"	"	S	Frank I. Witham	Nelle W. Holley.
1	Jennie M. Wiggins	42				F	"	"		
20	Carrie I. Billings		4		Stratham	"	"	"	John E. Billings	Florence B. Kelley.
Oct. 20	William H. Gregory	40	10	15	Peabody, Mass.	M	"	M	John Gregory	Eliza A. Earle.
Nov. 21	Oscar A. Chapman	26	10	2	Stratham	"	"	S	DeWitt C. Chapman	Carrie E. Trefethen.



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